

Monday Evening

Why am I used so badly, so infamously! my
(by no means dear) friend? Here, some 10 days ago,
I get 2 forms of gram. & when I have got the steam
well up, re graminum; there I am left stuck! to
chew the end upon a synoptical arrangement; &
some apostrophe! You ought to be ashamed of yourself,
& the forgetfulness incident to your condition is no
adequate excuse - I am resolved to mulct you in 5¢
for your negligence; the rather as U. S. wants the
money for his Mex. war, & that it should be wrong
out of your pocket for such a purpose will, I hope,
add sting & bitterness to your merited punishment.

Digitaria & *Lupispermum* are reunited with *Panicum*
I suppose - but where do you put *Miegia*, if not in
the *Festucin.*? Short finds it abundantly, & it must
gram on the other side of the river, in Ohio - Again,
what do you do with Mull's *Urolepis*? - I have
something to say about *Poa* - Our friend Torrey
in N. Y. H. B. accredits *P. pungens*, Mull. (citing
Darlington) to N. Y. Sartwell - Now, I send me
under that name Torrey's new sp. *P. debilis* - I sent

Dartnall a piece of the real *P. purpureus* (received from Darlington himself, who seems to know Nuttall's plant, & the *P. autumn.* of Ill.) & he tells me he does not know it, & that it is not found at P. Jan! ^{like what he sent me, viz.} the specimens he sent Torrey being ^{near} friends; *P. celalis*, which I myself have found all about N. York. but never the plant of Darlington, & I doubt (our good friends to the contrary notwithstanding) whether it is found in N. Y. — I make you a present of this information, tho' you deserve it not at my hands, & altho' I am, just now, hugely out of humour with you —

Business compelled me to lay aside my sheet, which I now take up, in a rather milder mood, but with frozen fingers! Alas! that New England air (any thing but balmy) "shalts ere come thither such sweets to wither." — the flowers lay down their heads ^{to rest} ~~to rest~~.

Well. to resume on the subject of grasses. I am quite satisfied with what I have seen of your doing, thus far. *Sporobolus* has completely the habit of *Vilfa* & could not be distinguished from it in a very early state, unless the united bracts forming the utricle in the first, should be visible in an early stage of the inflorescence when I have day-light (unfortunately now indispensable to spare, I shall look into this with the microscope —

Appropos of united bracts; I observe you attend my pen? char. of *Clarex*, considering the series to be so composed, whereas it seemed to me rather (theoretically) of only one, inflected! because, in many instances, I could detect but one rib or suture. However, as I am always ready to defer to your much more accurate judgment in such matters, I only advert to the fact, by way of acknowledging my indebtedness to your correcting hand, for making me talk as I ought to do, in the premises; or in other words, "like a book" — Agassiz has sailed (or rather steamed) off for Charleston. I called once at the Med. Coll. but missed him. I have nothing to say about Torrey — You probably have his news. Sam. continues to complain of his throat but the secretions have no sanguinary tint, which is so far well —

My kind regards to the boys, & best love to dear Lady J. — if you ever see her. Tell her she has rendered you good for nothing!

Did I tell you Sam. has another lay. now 5 weeks old — making 5! in all.

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